(b) if so, the facts thereof including the steps taken/ proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The factual position is given in the attached Statement.

(c) The Delhi Development Authority has taken action/imposed penalties on the defaulting officers as follows :

(i) Reduction by three stages in the present pay scale for two year in respect of an Executive Engineer.

(ii) Reduction to the lowest grade for a period of 5 years which will not affect future increment in respect of an Assistant Engineer;

(iii) Reduction to the lowest grade for a period of 3 years in respect of two JE's.

(iv) Reduction to the lowest grade for a period of two years in respect of an Assistant Engineer.

STATEMENT

1. The construction work of 280 Dwelling Units of Cat-II and III alongwith 168 scooter garrages in Pocket F and G at Sarita Vihar was split in two groups, Group-I and Group-II and awarded to the contractor in December, 1984 and May, 1995. The SE (PWD) and Sewarage Circle, Jullandhar where the contractor had executed three works of housing costing Rs. 11 lakhs to Rs. 12 lakhs has given satisfactory performance report in respect of the contractor of the execution of these works. The State Bank of India, Jullandhar has also given satisfactory financial certificate for assignment of the job worth Rs. 50 lakhs. It is, therefore, evident that the performance of the contractor was ascertained before awarding the work. The progress of the work was unsatisfactory and contracts were rescinded in March, 1987.

   During site inspection in December, 1986, huge quantity of steel issued departmentally to the contractor was found short at site. An FIR was lodged with the Police in December, 86. The contractor approached the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi in March 1988. The local Commissioner appointed by the Hon'ble High Court verified the material and submitted the report to the Court.

   An arbitrator was appointed by the Hon'ble Court but the contractor neither attended most of the hearing conducted by the Arbitrator nor cooperated in arbitration hearings, DDA's claims included overpayment of secured advance, shortage of material, cost of the work executed departmentally at the risk and cost of the contractor and escalation due to rise in cost. The Arbitrator has yet to publish his award. DDA has approached the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for intervention in the matter for issue of suitable directions. The case has yet to come up for hearing in the Court. The matter is *subjudice*.

2. DDA had constructed 630 SFS houses in Pocket 5 and 6 of Sector-B., Vasant Kunj during the year 1989-92. MCD sanctioned the Water Supply scheme for housing pocket subject to the condition that DDA shall make interim arrangement of water supply till Municipal Water Supply is made available. Accordingly, DDA installed 4 tube wells with filters and pump houses with motor pumps and other accessories as an interim source of water in the year 1991-92.

   The tube wells which were installed were redeveloped to improve the yield and quantity of water as per normal engineering practice. The tube wells are connected to individual network for Water supply with restricted command area serving on an average 50 to 60 flats in the pocket. Once the yield of tube well goes down or the water is not potable the discharge from tube well shall be utilised for horticulture purposes. Thus, the expenditure incurred cannot be termed as infructuous.

Allotment of Land

3869. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for allotment of land to those small scale industrial units in Delhi which are slated for closure as per the directions of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have been received some representations or requests from the office bearers of 'Laghu Udyog Mahasangh, Delhi' in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government so far thereon and the time by which the land is likely to be allotted to these small scale industrial units in some new industrial areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Delhi Government is developing industrial plots and constructing flatted factory complexes in various industrial areas for relocation of industrial operating in residential/non-conforming areas of Delhi. The affected units are proposed to be shifted to functional industrial estates of Jhilmil Tahirpur, Jhilmil, Okhla, Patparganj, Badli and Narela where flatted factories are proposed to be built. Industrial plots/flats are also proposed to be constructed at new industrial estates to be developed in North Delhi in the vicinity of the proposed Express Highway for relocation of units affected the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order's. Applications for allotment of plots/flats at the above locations are being invited.

(c) and (d). No request/representation has been received from 'Laghu Udyog Mahasangh', Delhi. However, a letter from 'Laghu Udyog Bharati' having Office at 70, Shivaji Marg Industrial Area, New Delhi-15 has been received requesting to take necessary steps to meet the situation arising out of Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding closure of industries functioning in non-conforming areas of Delhi.

(e) Same as reply to part (b) above.

[English]

Essar Oil Refineries

3870. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministries of Petroleum and Finance are pressing for dismantling of the administrative price mechanism for oil refineries;

(b) if so, whether Essar Oil is setting up a 9 MMTP refinery and sought a revision of the Administrative Price Mechanism formula to hike the post-tax return from 12 percent to 15 percent;

(c) if so, whether any communication to Ministry by Essar Oil Chairman has been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the main points mentioned in the communication; and

(e) whether the Government has considered Essar Oil review on Administrative Price Mechanism formula?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (e). Government had constituted a 'Strategic Planning Group' on restructuring of the national oil industry with members comprising of top management from public and private sector and leading experts from academic and research institutes. The group was to make final recommendations to meet the policy objectives and initiatives required for restructuring the oil Industry so as to meet the basic strategic objectives of developing a financially sound and internationally competitive hydrocarbon sector. Chairman, Essar Oil, who is also a member of this group had made certain suggestions which were also considered by this group. The Group has since submitted its Report.

Maintenance of Rastrapati Bhavan and Parliament House

3871. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the estimated expenditure on the maintenance of 'Rashtrapati Bhavan' and 'Parliament House' annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : The estimated annual expenditure incurred on the maintenance of 'Rashtrapati Bhavan' and 'Parliament House' are as under :

	(Rs. in lacs) approx.
Rashtrapati Bhavan	415
Parliament House	250

(This expenditure includes both Civil and Electrical)

Investment in Dairy Products

3872. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received from foreign Direct Investment regarding investment in dairy products;

(b) the present growth perspective of demand for ice-cream and other milk products in the country; and

(c) the details of planning strategy worked out for manufacturing of dairy products to meet the growing demand for quality products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) The Government has received 18 proposals upto November, 1996 for foreign investment in Milk and Milk Products.

(b) and (c). Processed foods being consumer products, demand for such products including milk products will depend upon several factors such as increase in per capita income, availability of raw material etc. Though no specific survey has been made but this segment of the industry has been growing steadily over the years. Government have taken various steps such as delicensing of most of the food processing industries including milk products, operating developmental Plan Schemes etc.